

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND And UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography



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Lieutenant General William G. Webster Jr. UNITED STATES ARMY



Lieutenant General William G. Webster Jr. is the Deputy Commander of United States Northern Command and Vice Commander of the United States Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

From 1974 to 1978, General Webster served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Company Commander in the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, La. From 1979 to 1982, he served as Chief of Operations for the 7th Army Training Command and 3-64 Armor, 3rd Infantry Division in Germany.

General Webster then moved to Fort Stewart, Ga., where he served as Chief of Operations for the 24th Infantry Division and then for the 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division. In 1987, he served a one-year tour as Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga.

He next served as a War Plans Officer on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., from 1988 to 1991. In 1991, he assumed command of the 2-77 Armor, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo. From 1993 to 1994, he served as the Armor Task Force Trainer at the U.S. Army National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. He commanded the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas from 1995 to 1997. He was then assigned as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., and in Kuwait.

In 1998, General Webster was assigned as Commanding General of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. From 2000 to 2001, he served as Director of Training for the U.S. Army in the Pentagon. In 2001, he became Deputy of Operations for U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and in the United States Central Command area of operations, including Operation Enduring Freedom. During the build-up in Kuwait and attack into Iraq from 2002 to 2003, he was Deputy Commanding General of all ground forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As the Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division from 2003 to 2006, General Webster returned his unit from combat, reorganized and trained it, and redeployed it into Baghdad. He commanded the 40,000 men and women of Multi-National Division Baghdad from 2005 to 2006. General Webster most recently served as the U.S. Northern Command Director of Operations from 2006 to 2007. He became Deputy Commander of U.S. Northern Command on May 29, 2007.

General Webster's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Bronze Stars, and the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters.

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